

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.** in the La City Commission Meeting Room, La Feria, Texas 78559. The purpose of said meeting was to consider and take action on those items of City Business as was duly posted by agenda in accordance with State Open Meetings Law. The following City Commission members were present at said meeting.

**3. DETERMINE QUORUM PRESENT AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER - MAYOR**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Olga H. Maldonado	Mayor	Present
Maricela Zuniga	Commissioner	Present
Michael Martinez	Commissioner	Absent
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City Manager

Mr. Juan Ortiz, Planning Director

Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary

Ms. Allison Bastian-Rodriguez, City Attorney

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 24, 2023.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve the items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lozano made amotion to move to item #10 on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**10. PRESENTATION BY MR. BILL FRIEND REGARDING DRAINAGE DISTRICT #6 PROJECTS.**

Bill Friend of Drainage District #6 addressed the commission regarding drainage improvement projects planned for La Feria. There was no action taken on this item.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR LATE HOURS PERMIT FOR 312 W. 1ST STREET, DBA THE JOINT SPORTS BAR, LA FERIA -POTTER-WATSON SUBDIVISION, 11' OF LOT 4 & ALL OF LOT5-6 BLOCK G.**

Mayort Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:35 pm. Mr. Ortiz explained that notices

were sent to residents in the surrounding area. There were no complaints received in response to the letters. There were no other speakers and the public hearing was closed at 6:36 pm.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR LATE HOURS PERMIT FOR 312 W. 1ST STREET, DBA THE JOINT SPORTS BAR, LA FERIA -POTTER-WATSON SUBDIVISION, 11' OF LOT 4 & ALL OF LOT5-6 BLOCK G.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made amotion to approve the Specific Use Permit for Late hours permit for 312 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, DBA the Joint sports Bar, La Feria-Potter-Watson Subdivision, 11' of Lot 4 & all of Lot 5-6 Block G. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONE CHANGE REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF RABB ROAD AND US BUSINESS HWY 83 FROM C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO MF- MULTIFAMILY DISTRICT.**

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:37pm. Mr. Ortiz explained that the property owner plans to build around 50 apartments on the property. There were no other comments, and the public hearing was closed at 6:38 pm.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONE CHANGE REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF RABB ROAD AND US BUSINESS HWY 83 FROM C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO MF- MULTIFAMILY DISTRICT.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve the zone change request for property located at the southeast corner of Rabb Road and Us Business Hwy 83 From C-2 General Commercial District To MF- Multifamily District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-02 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM.**

The grant will be used to purchase new SCBA units and thermal cameras for the Fire Department. There are no matching funds required from the City. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve resolution 2023-02 authorizing the submittal of a grant application for 2023 State Homeland Security Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2023-03 AMENDING ARTICLE 3.02 TECHNICAL CODES OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT VARIOUS CODES PROMULGATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL AND THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF LA FERIA.**

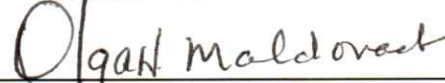
13. Mr. Ortiz explained that the international building codes have been updated and this ordinance would allow the City inspector to use the new codes. He noted that most changes

to the code are geared toward energy efficiency for homes and other buildings. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03 amending article 3.02 technical codes of the city of La Feria code of ordinances to adopt various codes promulgated by the international code council and the national fire protection association for design, construction, and renovation of buildings in the City of La Feria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

**14. ADJOURN.**


There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lozano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**



**Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Amanda Morales, City Secretary**